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The item below was filed by the A. P. to accompany
it's coverage of Senator Goldwater's speech at the
Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention.

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WALTER MATTHIAS, A CIA OFFICER, IN A JUNE REPORT ON VIET NAM
MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY, SAID THERE ARE "SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT VICTORY
CAN BE WON" BUT THAT "A PROLONGED STALEMATE CAN BE ATTAINED" WITH
CONTINUED U. S. AID.

MATTHIAS ADDED THAT "THERE IS ALSO A CHANCE THAT POLITICAL
REVOLUTION WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND DEVELOPEMENT UPON THE WORLD SCENE
COULD LEAD TO SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED UPON
NEUTRALIZATION."

THE ADMINISTRATION DEFENDED THE RIGHT OF A CIA OFFICER TO MAKE A
PESSIMISTIC REPORT BUT SAID A POSSIBLE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED ON
NEUTRALIZATION DOES NOT REPRESENT U. S. POLICY. IT ORDERED AN
INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HOW A CHICAGO NEWSPAPER OBTAINED THE SUB-
STANCE OF MATTHIAS' REPORT WHICH HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY CLASSIFIED AS
SECRET.

"STUDIES AND ANALYSES OF THIS KIND ARE FREQUENTLY WRITTEN WITHIN
THE GOVERNMENT," ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY, STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER
TOLD NEWSMEN. "SUCH A PAPER IS NOT, NOR DOES IT PURPORT TO BE A
STATEMENT OF POLICY ON ANY OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH IT DISCUSSES."

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID THERE IS A NEED FOR INTELLIGNECE
OFFICERS TO "CALL THE SHOTS AS THEY SEE THEM" OBJECTIVELY AND
WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PARTISAN POLITICS."

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